

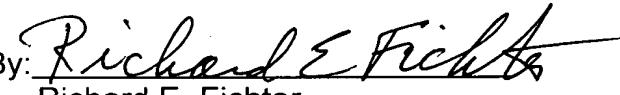
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REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims taking into consideration the outstanding Official Action which is a restriction requirement. This restriction requirement urges that there are three separate and patentably distinct inventions claimed in the present application. Applicants elect the Group I invention, drawn to a method of coating using microwave plasma pretreatment of the substrate followed by conductive polymer coating. This election is made with traverse to the extent that Applicants submit that the claims now present in the application are directed to the same invention and all should be examined on the merits.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-10 from the application and added new claims 11-24. These claims basically parallel original claims 1-10 and are all directly or indirectly dependent upon claim 1. In rewriting the claims, the Examiner's comments with respect to the format of the claims and have rewritten the claims in a form which is believed to be fully compliant with 35 U.S.C. 112. Applicants most respectfully submit that all the claims now present in the application are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, are readable on the elected invention and therefore an action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

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